

# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE TOWN OF

# STRATHAM

New Hampshire



For the Year Ending December 31

# 1953



As Compiled By The Town Officers





# ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

SELECTMEN, TOWN CLERK

TOWN TREASURER, HIGHWAY AGENTS

BOARD OF EDUCATION, LIBRARY TRUSTEES

AND TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

OF THE TOWN OF

# STRATHAM

NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year Ending December 31

# 1953

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## TOWN OFFICERS

### *Supervisors of the Checklist*

Arnold Whittaker

Jessica B. Chase

Donald L. Barker

### *Moderator*

George C. Jewell

### *Town Clerk*

Mary R. Tuck

### *Tax Collector*

Ralph D. Parkman

### *Selectmen*

\*Nelson E. Barker

Walter A. Scamman

John A. Hutton, Jr.

### *Board of Education*

\*Raymond E. Tucker

Donald L. Barker

John R. Gifford

### *Treasurer*

Leslie C. Scammon

### *Trustees of Trust Funds*

Ralph D. Parkman

\*John A. Hutton, Jr.

Walter H. Pease

### *Library Trustees*

Annie W. Scammon

Helen E. Gowen

\*John R. Gifford

### *Auditors*

W. Douglas Scamman

Robert L. Elmore

### *Highway Agent*

Ernest T. Wiggin

### *Police*

Forrest P. Wentworth

Robert S. Berry

### *Board of Health*

Henry Saltonstall

### *Fire Chief*

Robert T. Wiggin

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\*Term Expires

## TOWN WARRANT

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Stratham on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

(The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to elect town officers, discussion and action on the articles in the warrant at 8:00 p.m.)

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate two hundred and one dollars and eighty cents (\$201.80) against the State's thirteen hundred forty-five dollars and thirty cents (\$1,345.30), for State Aid Construction.

4. To see if the Town will vote to allow one percent discount on such property taxes as are paid by August 15.

5. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of ninety-three hundred dollars (\$9,300.00) for the construction of Class V roads, said sum to be raised by the sale of Town's notes or bonds, and to delegate to the Selectmen all matters of form, rates of interest, dates of payment and the sale of said notes or bonds, and to appoint any committees or pass any other votes necessary in relation thereto.



6. To see if the town will vote to install some new shelves in the Library, raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) for the same.

7. To see if the town will vote to re-value the real estate of the Town of Stratham, raise and appropriate money for the same.

8. To see if the town will vote to trade their present grader for one more up to date, raise and appropriate money for the same.

9. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

NELSON E. BARKER,  
JOHN A. HUTTON, JR.,

Selectmen of Stratham

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

NELSON E. BARKER,  
JOHN A. HUTTON, JR.,

Selectmen of Stratham

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year  
January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954 Compared with  
Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures  
of the Previous Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

### SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
<b>FROM STATE:</b>			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$1,244.14	\$1,775.42	\$1,775.42
Railroad Tax	22.32	42.41	20.00
Savings Bank Tax	368.86	297.33	200.00
Reimbursement a/c OAA		51.34	
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>			
Dog Licenses	350.00	352.60	350.00
Fines and Forfeits Municipal Court		4.31	
Rent of Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	70.00	96.50	90.00
Interest Received on			
Taxes & Deposits	250.00	247.50	175.00
Income from Trust Funds	175.00	46.36	175.00
Income of Departments:			
(a) Highway including rental of equipment		332.00	
Cemetery		30.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,800.00	3,314.59	3,300.00
Cash Surplus		3,413.46	
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</b>			
Poll Taxes—Reg. @ \$2	728.00	699.34	700.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	12.50	12.50	12.50
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Total Revenues From All Sources			
Except Property Taxes	\$6,020.82	\$10,715.66	\$6,797.92
Amount to be Raised			
By Property Taxes			54,380.76
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TOTAL REVENUES			\$61,178.68

## PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Approp. Previous Year 1953	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1953	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1954
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>			
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,700.00	\$1,674.90	\$1,700.00
Town Officers' Expenses	550.00	618.23	625.00
Elec. and Reg. Expenses			200.00
Exp. Town Hall, Other Bldgs.	800.00	653.43	625.00
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>			
Police Department	150.00	150.00	150.00
Fire Department	500.00	323.01	500.00
Insurance	350.00	425.38	600.00
<b>Health:</b>			
Vital Statistics	25.00	25.75	25.00
Town Dump, Garbage Removal	300.00	300.90	300.00
<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
Town Maintenance, Summer	5,200.00	4,913.61	5,200.00
Town Maintenance, Winter	2,000.00	1,500.38	2,000.00
<b>Libraries:</b>			
Libraries	300.00	466.85	350.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor	200.00	15.00	100.00
Old Age Assistance	1,100.00	1,241.97	1,500.00
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Parks and Playground, Incl.			
Band Concerts	200.00	222.96	200.00
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Cemeteries	100.00	105.00	100.00
<b>Unclassified:</b>			
Dam. & Leg. Exp. Inc. Dog. Dam.	100.00	25.40	100.00
Adv. and Reg. Asso.	87.00	87.00	100.00
<b>Interest:</b>			
On Temporary Loans	50.00		50.00
<b>Payments to Other Gov. Div.:</b>			
County Taxes	3,280.53	2,783.18	2,783.18
School Taxes	37,338.50	33,134.39	43,970.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$54,331.03</b>	<b>\$48,667.33</b>	<b>\$61,178.68</b>



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**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
of the  
**TOWN OF STRATHAM**  
in  
Rockingham County  
for the  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

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*CERTIFICATE*

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date—Feb. 1, 1954.

NELSON E. BARKER,  
WALTER A. SCAMMAN,  
JOHN A. HUTTON, JR.,

Selectmen

LESLIE C. SCAMMON,

Treasurer

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Town of Stratham, N. H.

BALANCE

ASSETS

*Cash:*

In hands of treasurer	\$19,680.83
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*Unredeemed Taxes:*

Levy of 1953	6,501.06
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Levy of 1952	36.96
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*Uncollected Taxes:*

State Head Taxes—Levy of 1953	295.00
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Total Assets	<hr/> \$26,513.85
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Net Surplus, December 31, 1952	\$12,334.40
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Net Surplus, December 31, 1953	10,246.48
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Decrease of Surplus	2,087.92
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December 31, 1953

SHEET

LIABILITIES

*Accounts Owed by the Town:*

Fire house	\$1,825.62
Reserve a/c Future Yield Tax Loss	2,751.16
Due to State:	
State Head Taxes—1953	881.00
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of Appropriation	10,755.19

*Trust Funds:*

Bal. of Int. on	
Stratham Hill fund	23.40
Bal. of Int. on	
P. Wiggin cemetery fund	31.00
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Total Liabilities	\$16,267.37
Excess of assets over liabilities	
(Surplus)	10,246.48
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Grand Total	\$26,513.85



## RECEIPTS

*Current Revenue:**From Local Taxes:*

Property Taxes—1953	\$36,537.38
Poll Taxes—Reg. @ \$2—1953	606.00
Nat. Bank Stock Taxes—1953	12.50
Yield Taxes—1953	123.40
State Head Taxes @ \$5—1953	1,780.00

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Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted	\$39,059.28
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes Previous Years	9,554.43
Poll Taxes—Prev. Years— Reg. @ \$2	82.00
State Head Taxes @ \$5 Previous Years	225.00
Interest received on Taxes	305.32
Tax sales redeemed	98.91

*From State:*

For State Aid Con.—TRA	1,324.51
Interest and dividend tax	1,775.42
Railroad Tax	42.41
Savings Bank Tax	297.33
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assist.	51.34

*From Local Sources, Except Taxes:*

Dog licenses	352.60
Cemetery lots	30.00
Fines and forfeits	4.31
Rent of town property	96.50
Income from trust funds	46.36

PAYMENTS                      For the Year Ended Dec. 31, 1953  
CLASSIFICATION

PAYMENTS

*Current Maintenance Expenses:*

*General Government:*

Town officers' salaries	\$1,674.90
Town officers' expenses	618.23
Exp. town hall and other buildings	653.43

*Protection of Persons and Property:*

Police department	150.00
Fire dept.—incl. forest fires	323.01
Insurance	425.38

*Health:*

Vital statistics	25.75
Town dumps and garbage removal	300.90

*Highways and Bridges:*

Town Maintenance

Summer	\$4,913.61
Winter	1,500.38

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6,413.99

*Libraries:*

Libraries	466.85
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*Public Welfare:*

Old age assistance	1,241.97
Town poor	15.00

*Recreation:*

Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	222.96
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### RECEIPTS (Concluded)

Driveways	332.00
Reg. of motor vehicles—1952	44.93
Reg. of motor vehicles—1953	3,269.66
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Total Receipts from all Sources	\$56,992.31
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	16,645.53
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Grand Total	\$73,637.84



## PAYMENTS (Continued)

### *Public Service Enterprises:*

Cemeteries, including hearse hire	105.00
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### *Unclassified:*

Damages and legal expenses	25.40
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Advertising and Regional Associations	87.00
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Taxes bought by town	28.44
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Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	119.99
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Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$12,898.20
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### *Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:*

#### Highways and Bridges—State Aid

Construction T. R. A.	\$1,523.19
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#### Lands and buildings

Fire house	674.38
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#### New equipment

Sander	225.00
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Total Outlay Payments	\$2,422.57
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### *Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:*

#### State Head Taxes paid State Treas.

1953 Taxes	\$1,428.50
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Prior Yrs.	1,290.17
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	\$2,718.67
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Taxes paid to County	2,783.18
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#### Payments to School Districts

1952 Tax	\$13,134.39
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### PAYMENTS (Concluded)

1953 Tax	20,000.00	
	<hr/>	33,134.39
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		<hr/> \$38,636.24
Total Payments for all Purposes		\$53,957.01
Cash on hand December 31, 1953		19,680.83
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Grand Total		\$73,637.84

### SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$20,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	400.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	20,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Police Department, Equipment	50.00
Fire Department, Equipment	2,500.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	3,500.00
Equipment	1,500.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	5,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	55,000.00
Equipment	2,500.00
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Total	\$110,950.00

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## AUDITOR'S REPORT

February 1, 1954

We have this day completed the audit for the Town of Stratham, and have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Selectmen's Ledger and Vouchers, Road Agent's Accounts and Payrolls, Trustee of Trust Funds and Library Funds, and Bonds of all Town Officers, also Notes and Bonds Payable, and find all accounts properly cast and balanced.

W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN  
ROBERT L. ELMORE

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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Land and Buildings	\$832,980.00
Electric Plants	124,314.00
Horses—50	3,650.00
Ponies—4	100.00
Cows—382	48,375.00
Neat Stock—72	7,200.00
Sheep and Goats—43	570.00
Hogs—12	220.00
Fowls—20,115	26,010.00
Wood and Lumber	20,910.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	1,400.00
Stock in Trade	24,130.00
Mills and Machinery	6,500.00
Poll Tax—352	704.00
Head Tax—419	2,095.00

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\$1,099,158.00

Soldier's Exemptions 26,900.00

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\$1,072,258.00

Amount of taxes to be committed  
to Tax Collector, including  
Polls, Head, Timber and Na-  
tional Bank Stock \$46,084.28

Rate of Taxation—\$4.00 per \$100.00

## REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,700.00
Town Officers' Expenses	625.00
Election & registration	200.00
Town Hall	625.00
Police Department	150.00
Fire Department	500.00
Insurance	600.00
Vital Statistics	25.00
Summer Roads	5,200.00
Winter Roads	2,000.00
Town Dump	300.00
Library	350.00
Town Poor	100.00
Old Age Assistance	1,500.00
Parks and Playgrounds	200.00
Cemeteries	100.00
Legal Expenses and Dog Damage	100.00
Seacoast Regional	100.00
Interest	50.00
County Tax	2,783.18
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Total	\$17,208.18

ROBERT T. WIGGIN  
RAYMOND E. TUCKER  
JOHN A. HUTTON, JR.  
WALTER A. SCAMMAN  
NELSON E. BARKER

## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

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### SUMMARY OF 1953 WARRANTS COMBINED

#### DR.

##### *Taxes committed to Collector:*

Property taxes	\$42,778.36	
National Bank stock taxes	12.50	
Poll taxes	704.00	
Yield taxes	420.42	
	<hr/>	\$43,915.28

##### *Added taxes:*

Property taxes	\$58.00	
Poll taxes	16.00	
	<hr/>	74.00

##### *Interest collected:*

On property taxes	\$.44	
On poll taxes	.04	
	<hr/>	.48
Penalties collected on poll taxes:		1.40

Total Debits:		<hr/> \$43,991.16
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#### CR.

##### *Remittances to Treasurer:*

Property Taxes	\$36,537.38	
National Bank stock taxes	12.50	
Poll taxes	606.00	
Yield taxes	123.40	
Interest and penalties	1.88	
	<hr/>	\$37,281.16



Discounts allowed:	196.94
Poll taxes abated by Selectmen:	12.00

*Uncollected taxes December 31, 1953:*

Property taxes	\$6,102.04	
Poll taxes	102.00	
Yield taxes	297.02	
	<hr/>	6,501.06

Total Credits	\$43,991.16
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SUMMARY OF 1952 TAX WARRANTS COMBINED

DR.

*Uncollected taxes — As of Jan. 1, 1953:*

Property taxes	\$9,142.69	
Poll taxes	80.00	
Yield taxes	448.70	
	<hr/>	\$9,671.39

One poll tax added:	2.00
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*Interest collected during year:*

On property taxes	\$256.21	
On poll taxes	1.70	
On yield taxes	10.33	
	<hr/>	268.24

Penalties collected on poll taxes:	8.20
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Total Debits	\$9,949.83
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CR.

*Remittances to Treasurer during year:*

Property taxes	\$9,105.73
Poll taxes	82.00
Yield taxes	448.70

Interest	268.24	
Penalties on poll taxes	8.20	
	<hr/>	\$9,912.87
Uncollected taxes Dec. 31, 1953		
On personal property		36.96
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Total Credits:		\$9,949.83

SUMMARY OF STATE HEAD TAX WARRANT  
FOR 1953

DR.

Original Head tax warrant	\$3,045.00	
Added Head taxes	50.00	
Penalties collected	4.50	
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Total Debits		\$2,099.50

CR.

<i>Remmittances to Treasurer:</i>		
Head taxes	1,780.00	
Penalties	4.50	
	<hr/>	1,784.50
Abatements by Selectmen:	20.00	
Uncollected as per list:	295.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,099.50

SUMMARY OF STATE HEAD TAX WARRANT  
FOR 1952

DR.

Uncollected State Head taxes	
Jan. 1, 1953	\$235.00

Added Head taxes	5.00	
Penalties collected during 1953	22.50	
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Total Debits		\$262.50
CR.		
<i>Remittances to Treasurer during year:</i>		
Head taxes	\$225.00	
Penalties	22.50	
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		247.50
Abatements by Selectmen:		15.00
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Total Credits		\$262.50

## SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1953

Tax sale on account of levies of:			
	1952	1951	
Taxes sold to Town during current fiscal year:	\$28.44		
Balance of unredeemed taxes as of January 1, 1953	0.00	\$66.68	
Interest collected after sale:	.34	2.52	
Redemption costs:	1.43	0.00	
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Total Debits	\$30.21	\$69.20	
CR.			
Remittances to Treasurer during fiscal year:	\$29.96	\$68.95	
Fees to Register of Deeds	.25	.25	
Unredeemed taxes at close of year:	0.00	0.00	
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Total Credits	\$30.21	\$69.20	

Respectfully submitted,  
RALPH D. PARKMAN,  
Collector of Taxes



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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### *Dog Licenses:*

Collected	\$385.00
Clerk's Fees	32.40
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Paid Treasurer	\$352.60
<i>Auto Permits</i>	
Collected and Paid Treas.	\$3,310.29

MARY R. TUCK,  
Town Clerk

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## AUDITOR'S REPORT

January 16, 1954

We have this day examined the accounts of Mary R. Tuck in regard to Dog Licenses and find she has collected three hundred eighty five dollars (\$385.00) for licenses and has turned over to Leslie C. Scammon three hundred and fifty two dollars and sixty cents (\$352.60) retaining thirty two dollars and forty cents for fees prescribed by law (\$32.40).

We have this day examined the accounts of Mary R. Tuck in regard to auto permits. Serial Numbers of all permits were checked and we find she has collected three thousand three hundred ten dollars and twenty nine cents (\$3,310.29) and holds receipts for same.

W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN,  
R. E. ELMORE,  
Auditors

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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Balance on hand January 1, 1953 \$16,645.53

Received from:

Ralph D. Parkman, Tax Collector

1953 Property & National Bank

stock taxes \$36,550.32

1953 Poll taxes 607.44

1953 Head taxes 1,784.50

1953 Yield taxes 123.40

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\$39,065.66

1952 Property taxes \$9,361.94

1952 Poll taxes 91.90

1952 Head taxes 247.50

1952 Yield taxes 459.03

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\$10,160.37

Redemption tax sales 98.91

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\$49,324.94

Mary R. Tuck, Town Clerk

Automobile Permits \$3,314.59

Dog Licenses 352.60

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\$3,667.19

Ernest T. Wiggin, Highway Agent

Breaking driveways \$332.00

State of New Hampshire

Savings Bank taxes \$297.33

Interest & Dividends taxes	1,775.42	
Railroad taxes	42.41	
Refund Old Age Assistance	51.34	
Reimbursement T. V. A. Road Construction	1,324.51	
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		\$3,491.01
John L. Emery		
Rent of Hall	\$96.50	
Cemetery Lots	30.00	
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		\$126.50
Trustees Trust Funds		
H. M. Hill Park Fund	\$15.11	
Chas. E. Gear, Park Fund	31.25	
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		\$46.36
Gladys Chapman, Librarian		4.31
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		\$73,637.84
Paid on Selectmen's Orders	\$53,957.01	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1953	19,680.83	
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		\$73,637.84

This is to certify we find the accounts of Leslie C. Scammon, Town Treasurer, correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN,  
ROBERT L. ELMORE,  
Auditors

## DETAILED EXPENDITURES

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### TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation	\$1,700.00	
Balance	25.10	
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		\$1,674.90
Mary R. Tuck, Town Clerk	\$287.50	
Ralph D. Parkman, Tax Collector	652.40	
Ralph V. Amsden Jr., Auditor	30.00	
W. Douglas Scamman, Auditor	30.00	
Leslie C. Scammon, Treasurer	75.00	
Walter A. Scamman, Selectman	150.00	
John A. Hutton Jr., Selectman	150.00	
Nelson E. Barker, Selectman	300.00	
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		\$1,674.90

### TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$550.00	
Overdraft	68.23	
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		\$618.23
Ass'n of N. H. Assessors, Dues	\$3.00	
Ralph V. Amsden, Auditor	3.46	
Dean L. Garrison, Auto & Truck Guide	14.00	
Frank H. Pearson, Town Officers' Bonds	81.60	
Wheeler & Clark, Dog tags & Licenses	44.64	
Mary R. Tuck, Town Clerk	5.85	
Hampton Publishing Co., Town Reports	246.00	



Rockingham Natl. Bank, Safe	
Deposit Box	4.80
Edson C. Eastman, Supplies	42.95
Helen E. Batchelder, Typing	5.00
Charles A. Parker, Wreath for	
Memorial Day	3.50
Batchelder Bookstore, Flags	10.00
N. H. Tax Collectors' Ass'n, Dues	3.00
Sargent Bros., Tax Bills	13.25
Ralph D. Parkman, Tax Collector	39.38
N. H. City & Town Clerks Ass'n, Dues	2.00
John W. A. Green, Transfers	10.80
Leslie C. Scammon, Treasurer	10.00
John A. Hutton Jr., Selectman	10.00
Walter A. Scamman, Selectman	34.00
Nelson E. Barker, Selectman	31.00
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	\$618.23

#### TOWN HALL AND SHEDS

Appropriation	\$800.00
Balance	146.57
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	\$653.43
Leslie C. Scammon, labor	\$7.63
Exeter & Hampton Elec. Co.	152.83
John L. Emery, Janitor	180.00
Robert Young, wood	16.00
W. Douglas Scamman, Insurance	32.70
Kimball Hardware, labor, grates	
& stove pipe	141.30
Ernest T. Wiggin, supplies	4.44
A. E. McReel Co., coal	55.20
Stratham Hardware & Lumber	
Co., paint	6.90
Raymond Tucker, labor	2.00

Dougald Sewall, wood	36.00	
F. W. Jewell, fuel oil	18.43	
	<hr/>	\$653.43

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$150.00	
	<hr/>	\$150.00
Forrest P. Wentworth, Services	\$150.00	\$150.00

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$500.00	
Balance	176.99	
	<hr/>	\$323.01
F. W. Jewell, fuel oil	\$142.13	
Forestry & Recreation Comm.		
parts for pump	13.90	
Gorham Fire Equipment Co.,		
repair suction	9.35	
Whites Welding Shop, Ford truck	7.50	
Jane's Grocery, gas	6.11	
Ernest T. Wiggin, gas	33.14	
Martin Maillet, water hole	85.00	
Happys Garage, labor & repairs	25.88	
	<hr/>	\$323.01

#### FIRE HOUSE

Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
Balance	1,825.62	
	<hr/>	\$674.38

Stratham Hardware & Lumber Co.,		
materials	\$651.88	
L. Filion, shovel	20.00	
F. W. Jewell, cement	2.50	
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		\$674.38

#### VITAL STATISTICS

Appropriation	\$25.00	
Overdraft	.75	
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		\$25.75
Mary R. Tuck	\$25.75	
		\$25.75

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$7,200.00	
Balance	786.01	
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		\$6,413.99
E. T. Wiggin Agt., Summer Rds.	\$4,913.61	
E. T. Wiggin Agt., Winter Rds.	1,500.38	
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		\$6,413.99

#### TOWN DUMP

Appropriation	\$300.00	
Overdraft	.90	
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		\$300.90
Perley Wells, care of dump	\$94.50	
Edward S. Silver, care of dump	18.00	
John A. Hutton Jr., care of dump	99.00	
Earl L. Wiggin, truck	6.30	
L. Filion, shovel	8.00	

Albert Stevens, truck	11.75	
Robert T. Wiggin, tractor	8.00	
Martin Britsnyder, shovel	16.00	
Ernest T. Wiggin, truck	7.80	
Nelson E. Barker, building & truck	31.55	
	<hr/>	\$300.90

#### LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$300.00	
Overdraft	166.85	
	<hr/>	\$466.85
F. W. Jewell, fuel oil	\$166.82	
Exeter & Hampton Elec. Co.	26.91	
Frank H. Pearson, Ins.	30.12	
W. Douglas Scamman, Ins.	93.00	
Gladys Chapman, salary	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$466.85

#### TOWN POOR

Appropriation	\$200.00	
Balance	185.00	
	<hr/>	\$15.00
Elizah L. Levine, M.D., services	\$15.00	
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#### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	\$1,100.00	
Overdraft	141.97	
	<hr/>	\$1,241.97



State of New Hampshire	\$1,241.97	
		\$1,241.97

### STRATHAM HILL PARK

Appropriation	\$200.00	
Int. Rec'd on Stratham Hill Funds	46.36	
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	\$246.36	
Balance	23.40	
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		\$222.96
Frank H. Pearson, Ins. on Flagpole	\$7.50	
Happy's Garage, repairing pump	16.00	
Stanwood Puffer, labor on Flagpole	12.50	
David Noyes, labor	18.00	
Carl Gustafson, labor	5.00	
Stratham Hardware & Lumber Co.,		
steel rope	24.96	
Albert H. Stevens, gravel & labor	12.00	
Perley Wells, truck & labor	39.00	
Warren Chapman, labor	22.50	
Stanley French, labor	22.50	
Albert Gendron, labor	7.50	
John Randlet, labor	11.00	
Robert T. Wiggin, labor & power saw	24.50	
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		\$222.96

### CEMETERIES

Appropriation	\$100.00	
Bal. of Int. on P. Wiggin Trust Fund	36.00	
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	\$136.00	
Balance	31.00	
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		\$105.00

John L. Emery, care of Cemeteries	\$100.00	
Robert Young, mowing	5.00	
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#### INSURANCE

Appropriation	\$350.00	
Overdraft	75.38	
	<hr/>	\$425.38
Frank H. Pearson, Highway workmen	\$74.69	
Frank H. Pearson, grader	41.57	
Frank H. Pearson, tractor	10.12	
Frank H. Pearson, fire truck	110.00	
R. G. Crowell, S.V. Firemen	114.00	
R. G. Crowell, fire house workmen	75.00	
	<hr/>	\$425.38

#### ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASS'N

Appropriation	\$87.00	
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Seacoast Regional Development Ass'n	\$87.00	
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#### LEGAL EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$100.00	
Balance	74.60	
	<hr/>	\$25.40
Frank A. Batchelder	\$25.40	
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### TOWN ROAD AID T. R. A.

Appropriation	\$198.68	
Rec'd from State of N. H.	1,324.51	
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		\$1,523.19
State Highway Dept.	\$1,523.19	
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		\$1,523.19

### SCHOOL TAX

Appropriation	\$30,755.19	
Bal. 1952 tax	13,134.39	
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	\$43,889.58	
Due School Dist.	10,755.19	
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		\$33,134.39
School Dist. 1952 tax	\$13,134.39	
School Dist. 1953 tax	20,000.00	
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		\$33,134.39

### COUNTY TAX

Appropriation	\$2,783.18	
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		\$2,783.18
Earle R. Stockbridge, County Treas.	\$2,783.18	
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		\$2,783.18

### ABATEMENTS AND REFUNDS

Wayside Furniture Co., auto permits	\$10.00
Laurance Foss, auto permit	1.38
Stanley French, road tax	15.75

John Lumber Co., timber tax	12.86	
William Mears, stock in trade tax	80.00	
	<hr/>	\$119.99

#### TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

Ralph D. Parkman, Tax Collecor	\$28.44
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#### HEAD TAX

Treas. State of New Hampshire	\$2,718.67
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#### DRIVEWAY FUND

Breaking driveways	\$332.00	
Balance	107.00	
	<hr/>	\$225.00
Highway Agent, sander	\$225.00	
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Total Payments		\$53,957.01

## REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

ERNEST T. WIGGIN, AGENT

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Ernest T. Wiggin, truck, etc.	\$1,459.45
Stanley French, labor	71.00
Albert H. Stevens, truck, etc.	376.25
Earl L. Wiggin, truck, etc.	330.35
Nelson E. Barker, truck	188.75
John R. Randlett, labor	149.00
Robert T. Wiggin, labor	233.75
Arthur A. Dudley, truck	82.25
Stephen Vickery, loader & sand	228.15
White's Welding Shop, welding	56.33
R. C. Hazelton & Co., parts & sander	489.41
Stratham Hardware & Lumber Co., hardware	20.19
Eastern Auto Parts Co., parts	5.68
Richard Rogers, labor	30.00
Richard Wiggin, labor	8.00
Marion Hutton, transportation	10.00
Douglas Pease, labor	6.00
Jane Weeks, oil	.80
Hume Pipe of N. E. Co., culvert	234.96
H. H. McGuire Co., tar	1,759.06
Perkins Tire Co., grader tire	37.77
New Hampshire Fence Co., road screen	24.00
Francis Wiggin, labor	37.00
Lewis P. Filion, shovel	56.00
Jareb Sanderson, culvert	155.00
James Jackson, labor	99.00
Kenneth Grant, labor	59.20
Ernest T. Wiggin, Jr., labor	52.75
Walter Pease, tractor	14.00



Frank Eldredge, labor	7.50
George Cammett, labor	65.00
Kenneth Stevens, labor	27.00
Francis Rawson, labor	4.00
Howard Stevens, labor	7.00
James Scamman, labor	41.40
Raymond Labbranch, labor	5.00
Carl Rogalski, labor	24.00
Happy's Garage, repairs	42.94
Urban Beane, bulldozer	95.00
Central Heating & Plumbing Co.	1.17
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	39.98
Director Internal Revenue, tax	14.40
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Expenditures	6,648.49
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Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953	\$9.50
Received from Selectmen	6,638.99
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	\$6,648.49

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## TOWN HALL

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Report of J. Lawson Emery, Janitor

January 1, 1953—December 31, 1953

Entertainment	\$50.00
Grange Fair	8.00
Winnicutt Grange Rent of Hall	38.50
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Total	\$96.50
Balance Paid Leslie Scammon	\$96.50

## TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

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Eleven months from January 31, 1953 to  
December 31, 1953

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Trust funds on hand January 31, 1953:

(Principal amounts)

Library funds	\$6,400.00	
Stratham Hill Park funds	4,000.00	
Cemetery funds	9,875.00	
Capital Reserve fund,		
Central school	1,000.00	
Fund for the benefit of		
Mary F. Weeks	950.00	
Highway fund	5.00	
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		\$22,230.00

Trust funds received during eleven months

Avis L. Luippold cemetery fund		\$200.00
Unexpended income January 31, 1953		
On deposit in various banks	413.58	
Cash in checking account	87.46	
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		501.04

Income accruing during eleven months

From Government bonds	\$150.00
From Amoskeag Savings Bank	105.96
From Mechanics Savings Bank	14.08
From Plaistow Cooperative Bank	162.85
From Plaistow Cooperative Bank	
(Investment certificates)	9.00

From Exeter Cooperative Bank	13.85
From Exeter Banking Co.	11.21
From Portsmouth Savings Bank	38.88
From Piscataqua Savings Bank	3.75

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\$509.58

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Total Debits \$23,440.62

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Trust funds on hand December 31, 1953

(Principal amounts)

Library funds	\$6,400.00
Stratham Hill Park funds	4,000.00
Cemetery funds	10,075.00
Capital Reserve fund, Central school	1,000.00
Fund for the benefit of Mary F. Weeks	950.00
Highway fund	5.00

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\$22,430.00

Income payments during eleven months

To Library treasurer	\$131.15
To Town treasurer (for Park)	46.36
To Mary F. (Weeks) Malz	14.25
To Frank H. Philbrick for care of Hiram Wiggin lot for 3 years	12.00

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\$203.76

Unexpended income December 31, 1953

On deposit in various banks	\$601.26	
Cash in checking account	205.60	
	<hr/>	\$806.86
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		\$23,440.62
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CERTIFICATION

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January 19, 1954

This is to certify we find this account correctly cast  
and properly vouched.

W. D. SCAMMAN,  
ROBERT L. ELMORE,  
Auditors

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### CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

January 1, 1954

RALPH D. PARKMAN,  
WALTER H. PEASE,  
JOHN A. HUTTON, JR.,

Trustees of Trust Funds

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# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, DECEMBER 31, 1953

TRUST FUND — PURPOSE OF CREATION									
Date of Creation	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Bal. of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Income on Hand		
1909	Amanda Lane, Library Fund	700.00	3½-2½	0.00	21.15	21.15	0.00		
1901	Andrew Wiggin, care of lot in lower cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	3½-2½	.62	3.03	0.00	3.65		
1913	James W. Foss, care of lot in lower cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	3½-2½	0.00	2.26	0.00	2.26		
1913	Sarah Downs, care of lot in upper cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	3½-2½	0.00	1.51	0.00	1.51		
Apr. 18, 1919	Frank P. Leavitt, care of lot in lower cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	3½-2½	.82	3.03	0.00	3.85		
Oct. 30, 1920	Elizabeth Wood, care of lot in lower cemetery	Portsmouth Savings Bank	3½-2½	11.73	4.87	0.00	16.60		
Jan. 14, 1922	John Scammon, care of lot in upper cemetery in which John and John J. Scammon are buried	Portsmouth Savings Bank	3½-2½	.55	3.03	0.00	3.58		
Jan. 28, 1924	Mary J. Roberts, care of lot in upper cemetery	Piscataqua Savings Bank	3½-2½	1.46	1.25	0.00	2.71		
Jan. 28, 1924	Mary J. Roberts, Library Fund	Piscataqua Savings Bank	2½	0.00	2.50	2.50	0.00		
Nov. 11, 1925	Edmund B. Lane, Library Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	3	0.00	15.00	15.00	0.00		
Aug. 28, 1928	George L. Barker, care of lot in lower cemetery in which Levi and George Barker are buried	Amoskeag Savings Bank	3	30.59	3.45	0.00	34.04		
July 1, 1929	George W. Dixon, Library fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	3	0.00	15.00	15.00	0.00		
Feb. 11, 1930	Estate of M. Abbie Sanborn, care of lot in lower cemetery in which Greenleaf C. and Abigail Brown are buried	Amoskeag Savings Bank	3	1.44	1.52	0.00	2.96		
April 16, 1930	Paine Wingate, care of lot in Upper cem.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	3	.36	1.50	0.00	1.86		

Feb. 24, 1931	J. C. A. Wingate, care of lot in Upper cem.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	1.50	1.52	0.00	3.02
April 18, 1931	George W. Dixon, care of lot in Green-wood cemetery	Mechanics Savings Bank	200.00	3	33.92	7.12	0.00	41.04
May 8, 1931	Mary Wiggin Towle, care of lot on Hiram Wiggin farm	Mechanics Savings Bank	200.00	3	37.64	6.96	12.00	32.60
May 8, 1931	Mary Wiggin Towle Trust Fund interest to be paid to Mary F. Weeks, Westville, N. H.,	Amoskeag Savings Bank	950.00	3	0.00	14.25	14.25	0.00
Aug. 16, 1932	Horace M. Hills Library Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,000.00	3	0.00	15.00	15.00	0.00
	Horace M. Hills Trust Fund for upkeep of Stratham Hill Park	Amoskeag Savings Bank	500.00	3	15.11	7.50	15.11	7.50
	Horace M. Hills, for removing rocks from Town Roads	Amoskeag Savings Bank	5.00	3	3.43	1.2	0.00	3.55
Feb. 1, 1933	Caroline W. Baker fund, care of lot in Upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	250.00	3	23.38	4.10	0.00	27.48
April 27, 1936	Caroline W. Baker cemetery fund for same lot	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	1.32	1.52	0.00	2.84
Jan. 14, 1934	Estate of Annie L. Harvey, care of the Annie L. Harvey lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	0.00	3.50	0.00	3.50
July 3, 1936	Isabelle C. Wingate, care of the George Wingate lot in upper cemetery	Exeter Banking Company	200.00	3	0.00	3.50	0.00	3.50
Jan. 3, 1937	Estate of J. H. LeRoy, care of lot in upper cemetery	Exeter Banking Company	100.00	3	25.58	2.18	0.00	27.76
Jan. 28, 1937	Heirs of Joseph T. Smart, care of lot in upper cemetery	Exeter Banking Company	100.00	3	.65	1.75	0.00	2.40
Feb. 7, 1938	Edward Clapp, care of lot in lower cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	1.26	1.52	0.00	2.78
June 23, 1938	George H. Ellison, care of lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	1.52	1.52	0.00	3.04
July 20, 1939	George Bowley, care of lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	38.07	2.07	0.00	40.14
Nov. 16, 1939	Hannah M. Barker, care of cemetery lot on the Ezra Barker farm in Stratham	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	30.88	1.95	0.00	32.83
June 7, 1944	Charles E. Clark, care of lot in lower cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.61	3.09	0.00	9.70
Sept. 16, 1944	Albert P. Smith, care of lot in upper cemetery	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	3.43	1.55	0.00	4.98

# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, DECEMBER 31, 1953

TRUST FUND — PURPOSE OF CREATION			How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Bal. of Income on Hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Income on Hand
Date of Creation									
Sept. 16, 1944	Nathaniel Wiggins, care of lot in upper cemetery		Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	0.00	2.25	0.00	2.25
Mar. 29, 1945	Lyman J. Batchelder, care of lot in upper cemetery in which Albert A., Sarah F. Batchelder and others are buried		Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	5.59	1.58	0.00	7.17
Oct. 1, 1945	John Wiggins, care of lot in lower cemetery		Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	7.15	3.11	0.00	10.26
Feb. 25, 1946	John A. Scammon Cemetery Fund		Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	3	.98	2.25	0.00	3.23
Apr. 12, 1946	Chas. E. Gear I II, & Stratham Hill Park funds		U. S. Savings Bond Series G	1,000.00	2½	12.50	25.00	0.00	37.50
Mar. 27, 1947	Charles E. Gear Trust Fund, Cemetery, Capital Reserve Fund for Central School		Fed. Reserve Bank, Boston	2,500.00	2½	0.00	62.50	62.50	0.00
Apr. 15, 1947	Minnie S. Sanderson—Cemetery fund		Exeter Banking Company	2,500.00	2½	0.00	62.50	31.25	31.25
May 5, 1948	William Dining Cemetery Fund		Exeter Banking Company	250.00	3	2.63	4.42	0.00	7.05
Aug. 17, 1949	May I. Gowen, care of lot in upper cemetery		Exeter Banking Company	100.00	3	13.79	2.00	0.00	15.79
Aug. 17, 1949	Frank H. Barker fund, care of lot in Greenwood cemetery		Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	3	6.68	3.09	0.00	9.77
Nov. 1, 1949	William Dining Cemetery Fund		Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	3	0.00	1.50	0.00	1.50
Nov. 1, 1949	David P. Batchelder fund, care of lot in Upper cemetery		Plaistow Cooperative Bank	100.00	4½	9.00	4.50	0.00	13.50
			Plaistow Cooperative Bank	100.00	4½	3.00	4.50	0.00	7.50

Nov. 28, 1949	Samuel J. Sindlair fund, care of lot in Upper cemetery	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	100.00	3	2.86	3.00	0.00	5.86
July 1950	Albert C. Lane, care of lot in lower cemetery	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	100.00	3	2.03	3.00	0.00	5.03
Aug. 1951	Parry C. Wiggin fund-care and maintenance of Greenwood Cem.	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	2,000.00	3	30.00	60.00	0.00	90.00
Aug. 1951	David Jewell fund, care of lot in Greenwood cemetery	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	300.00	3	4.50	9.00	0.00	13.50
Sept. 4, 1952	Henry L. Jewell fund for upkeep of Stratham Hill Park	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	1,000.00	3	2.50	30.30	0.00	32.80
Sept. 12, 1952	Henry L. Jewell fund for upkeep of Greenwood cemetery	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	1,000.00	3	2.50	30.30	0.00	32.80
Sept. 12, 1952	Henry L. Jewell fund for care of Pickering lot No. 106 in Greenwood cemetery	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	200.00	3	.50	6.06	0.00	6.56
Sept. 12, 1952	Henry L. Jewell fund for care of Jewell lot No. 26 in Greenwood cem.	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	200.00	3	.50	6.06	0.00	6.56
Sept. 12, 1952	Florence E. Rollins fund, care of lot, monument and markers in Rollins lot in Upper cem.	Plaistow Cooperative Bank	500.00	3	1.25	15.13	0.00	16.38
1947	Capital Reserve fund for Central School Dept.	Exeter Banking Co., Sav.	1,000.00	2	121.21	11.21	0.00	132.42
1953	Avis L. Luippold cemetery fund (Care of lot --- Greenwood)	Exeter Cooperative Bank	200.00	3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
			22,430.00	501.04	509.58	203.76	806.86	

## REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

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Balance on hand January 1, 1953 \$104.24

Interest on:

E. B. Lane fund	\$30.00
G. W. Dixon fund	30.00
H. M. Hill fund	30.00
Amanda Lane fund	38.75
M. J. Roberts fund	7.53
Emma B. Wiggin fund	45.00
Sale Telephone & Telegraph rights	11.45
Chas. E. Gear fund	62.50
Interest on Bank a/c	1.89

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\$257.12

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\$361.36

Paid:

Goodman's bookstore	\$232.26
Granite State Nursery	4.00
Balance on hand Dec. 31	125.10

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\$361.36

This is certify that we find this account of Leslie C. Scammon, Library Treasurer to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. DOUGLAS SCAMMAN,  
ROBERT L. ELMORE,

Auditors

## NEW BOOKS — 1953

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- Acker, Helen ..... The School Train
- Amber, Eric ..... The Schirmer Inheritance
- Andrews, Roy Chapman ..... All About Dinosaurs
- Baker, Louise ..... Snips and Snails
- Bassett, Sara Ware ..... The Whispering Pine
- Bentley, Marguerite ..... Wedding Etiquette Complete
- Bentley, Phyllis ..... The House of Moreys
- Berke, Jacqueline
- Wilson, Vivian ..... Watch Out for The Weather
- Block, Jean Librman ..... Linda Jordon, Lawyer
- Bothwell, Jean ..... Lost Colony
- Boynton, Grace M. . . . The River Garden of Pure Repose
- Brody, Iles ..... Gone With the Windsors
- Chase, Virginia ..... The End of the week
- Christie, Agatha ..... Funerals are Fatal
- Clark, Electa ..... Robert Perry, Boy of the North
- Clawson, Marion ..... Uncle Sam's Acres
- Coatsworth, Elizabeth ..... Silky
- Corbett, Elizabeth ..... In Miss Armstrong's Room
- Crawford, Marion ..... Elizabeth the Queen
- Cronin, A. J. .... Beyond this Place
- Curtis, Alice Turner ..... A Little Maid of Maryland
- De La Roche, Mazo ..... The Whiteoak Brothers  
Jalna 1923
- del Villars, Mary & Fred ..... Where Strange Roads  
go Down
- Fairlee, Gerald ..... Winners Take All
- Farley, Walter ..... The Black Stallion
- Farley, Walter ..... The Black Stallion Revolts



Fenton, Carroll Lane  
 Fenton, Mildred Adams . . . . . Rocks and their Stories  
 Ford, Marcia . . . . . Dixie Nurse  
 Goudge, Elizabeth . . . . . The Heart of the Family  
 Gould, John . . . . . The Fastest Hound Dog in the  
    State of Maine  
 Grey, Jane . . . . . Wyoming  
 Ham, Tom . . . . . Give Us this Valley  
 Hamil, Ethel . . . . . Bluegrass Doctor  
 Hamil, Ethel . . . . . Nurse on Horseback  
 Hamilin, Talbot & Jessica . . . . . We Took to Cruising  
 Henricksen, Margaret . . . . . Seven Steeples  
 Herzog, Maurice . . . . . Annapurna  
 Higgins, Helen Boyd . . . . . Stephen Foster, Boy Minstrel  
 Hilton, James . . . . . Time and Time Again  
 Hogan, Robert J. . . . . Savage Rebel  
 Humphries, Adelaide . . . . . Nurse Lady  
 Jenkins, Sara . . . . . The Happy People  
 Kallir, Otto: Editor . . . . . Grandma Moses, My  
    Life's History  
 Kearney, Paul W. . . . . How to Drive Better and  
    Avoid Accidents  
 Kettell, Dr. . . . . Pine Furniture of Early New England  
 Kieran, John . . . . . An Introduction to Birds  
 Kimbrough, Emily . . . . . Through Charley's Door  
 Kirk, Lydia . . . . . Postmarked Moscow  
 Kiser, Martha Gwenn . . . . . Rainbow for Me  
 Sockridge, Richard & Frances . . . . . Stand Up and Die  
 Loring, Emilie . . . . . Beyond the Sound of Guns  
 Levin, Ira . . . . . A Kiss Before Dying  
 Mack, Elsie . . . . . The Guest  
 Manning, Mary . . . . . Lovely People

Manor, Jason ..... Too Dead to Run  
 Marshall, Catherine ..... God Loves You  
 Martin, Martha ..... O Rugged Land of Gold  
 Mayo, Eleanor ..... Swans' Harbor  
 McCready, Huston ..... The Saving Grace  
 Moody, Ralph ..... The Fields of Home  
 Moore, Doris Langley ..... All Done by Kindness  
 Moore, Ruth ..... A Fair Wind Home  
 Nicholds, Elizabeth ..... Thunder Hill  
 Queen, Ellery ..... The Scarlet Letters  
 Rich, Louise Dickinson ..... Only Parent  
 Rinehart, Mary Roberts ..... My Story  
 Roberts, Kenneth ..... The Seventh Sense  
 Rosenthal, Harold ..... Baseball Is Their Buisness  
 Sanford, Agnes ..... Lost Shepherd  
 Schatz, Albert  
 Riedman, Sarah A. .... The Story of Microbes  
 Seifert, Elizabeth ..... Lucinda Marries the Doctor  
 Selinko, Anne Marie ..... Desiree  
 Sellars, Naomi John ..... Cross my Heart  
 Shantz, Bobby ..... The Story of Bobby Shantz  
 Snow, Dorathea .... John Paul Jones, Salt Water Boy  
 Stevenson, Augusta ..... Jeb Pike, Boy Traveler  
 St. John, Robert ..... This Was My World  
 Streatfield, Noel ..... Circus Shoes  
 Stoddard, Hope ..... From These Comes Music  
 Stolz, Mary ..... In a Mirror  
 Thane, Elswyth ..... The Lost General  
 Tufts, Anne ..... As the Wheel Turns  
 Uris, Leon ..... Battle Cry  
 Wentworth, Patricia ..... Out of the Past  
 Yates, Elizabeth ..... Hue and Cry

Zim, Herbert L. . . . . Lightning and Thunder  
 Guyol, Philip N. . . . . Democracy Fights, a History of  
    New Hampshire in World War II  
    Presented by The State Library, Concord  
 Hoover, Herbert . . . . The Memoirs of Herbert Hoover  
    Presented by Sanford War Library  
    Sanford, California  
 Lindsay, Murey . . . . . English Reader  
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### BOOK CIRCULATION

Total Circulation	1,428
Fiction	864
Juvenile	386
Non-fiction	178

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# School Report

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## SCHOOL WARRANT

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To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Stratham, N. H. qualified to vote in district affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Memorial School in said district on the eighth day of March 1954, at 8 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3 To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payments of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropria-

tion of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income, the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the school district will raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) to defray the expenses of assistant cook.

10. To see if school district will authorize the school board to spend \$643.90 which represents the balance of Federal Aid received since July 1st for school year 1952-'53 for additional auditorium furniture and hot lunch equipment.

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this fourth day of February 1954.

RAYMOND E. TUCKER,  
DONALD L. BARKER,  
JOHN R. GIFFORD,

School Board of Stratham, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

RAYMOND E. TUCKER,  
DONALD L. BARKER,  
JOHN R. GIFFORD,

School Board of Stratham, N. H.



# PROPOSED BUDGET FOR SCHOOL YEAR

1954 - 1955

## EXPENDITURES

	Expend. 1952-53	Estim. Expend. 1953-54	Adopted Budget 1954-55
<b>Administration:</b>			
Sal. of Dist. Officers	\$133.50	\$170.00	\$180.00
Supt. sal. (local share)	*332.93	285.00	272.00
Tax for state wide supervision	312.00	336.00	376.00
Sal. for other admin. per.	197.40	400.00	230.00
Supplies and expenses	162.64		150.00
<b>Instruction:</b>			
Teachers' salaries	7,742.50	10,500.00	11,000.00
Books and other inst. aids	221.68	300.00	300.00
Scholars' supplies	491.82	400.00	400.00
<b>Operation of School Plant:</b>			
Salaries of janitors	609.66	650.00	650.00
Fuel	698.32	900.00	900.00
Water, light, sup. and exp.	395.63	500.00	500.00
<b>Maintenance of School Plant:</b>			
Repairs and replacements	1,022.69	400.00	400.00
<b>Auxiliary Activities:</b>			
Health supervision	260.02	300.00	300.00
Transportation, high	1,339.00	1,666.00	1,800.00
Transportation, elem.	3,956.00	3,334.00	3,550.00
Tuition, high	8,348.30	11,000.00	13,680.00
Tuition, elementary	5,352.60	4,300.00	5,040.00
School lunch	495.53		
<b>Fixed Charges:</b>			
Teachers' retirement	455.06	610.00	800.00
Ins., treas. bonds & exp.	408.07	500.00	500.00
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>			
Lands and new buildings	375.00		
New Equipment	171.40		200.00
<b>Debt and Interest:</b>			
Principal of debt	3,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00

Interest on debt	843.75	787.50	742.50
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Total Expenditures or

School Appropriation	\$37,325.50	\$39,338.50	\$43,970.50
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\* Superintendent's Salary 1952-1953

Exeter	\$2,938.25
Newfields	144.90
Stratham	727.73
East Kingston	152.95
Kensington	191.19
Greenland	319.98
State's share	2,275.00

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Total	\$6,300.00
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### RECEIPTS

	Receipts 1952-53	Estimated Receipts 1953-54	Adopted Budget 1954-55
Balance (actual or estimate)	\$220.34	\$2,193.64	
State Aid	2,634.67	6,395.31	
Federal Aid	2,693.74	643.90	
Other	36.00		

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Total Receipts other than

Property Taxes	\$5,584.75	\$9,232.85
District Assessment	\$33,934.39	

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Total Appropriation Voted

By School District	\$39,519.14	\$39,338.50
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NEW HAMPSHIRE  
STATE TAX COMMISSION  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
OF THE  
STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1952  
and Ending June 30, 1953

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**CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

RAYMOND A. HOYT,  
Superintendent.

RAYMOND E. TUCKER,  
DONALD L. BARKER,  
JOHN GIFFORD,  
School Board.

## BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1953

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### ASSETS

Cash on hand June 30, 1953	\$2,193.64
Capital Reserves (Held by trustees)	1,000.00
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	\$3,193.64

### LIABILITIES

Capital Reserves (offsets similiar assets)	\$1,000.00
Surplus (excess of assets over liabilities)	2,193.64
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	\$3,193.64

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### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

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I have this day examined the school account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched with a balance of Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Sixty Four Cents. (\$2,193.64)

PAULINE F. SCAMMON,

Auditor.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953

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### RECEIPTS

#### *From Local Taxation:*

Current year's appropriation	\$33,934.39
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#### *Received from State Treasurer:*

State funds	\$2,634.67
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Federal funds for school lunch	505.74
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\$3,140.41

Received directly from Federal agencies	2,188.00
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#### *Other sources of revenue:*

Refunds from school lunch treasurer	\$960.00
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Rent of school auditorium	36.00
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996.00

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Total receipts from all sources	\$40,258.80
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Cash on hand July 1, 1952	220.34
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Grand Total	\$40,479.14
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### PAYMENTS

#### *Administration:*

Salaries of local district officers	\$167.97
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District's share of Supt's salary	332.93
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Cost of Treasurer's bond	16.00
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Other expenses of administration	325.57
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842.47

*Instruction:*

Teachers' salaries (including taxes withheld and retirement payments	7,742.50	
Text books	221.68	
Scholars supplies	491.82	
	<hr/>	8,456.00

*Operation and maintenance of plant:*

Salary of janitor	584.66	
Other labor by janitor	65.00	
Janitor's supplies	95.18	
Fuel oil	698.32	
Electricity	170.60	
Telephone	80.00	
Minor repairs and expenses	997.09	
	<hr/>	2,690.85

*Health supervision:*

District's share of nurse's salary	255.30	
Supplies	4.72	
	<hr/>	260.02

*Transportation of pupils:*

High school pupils	1,339.00	
Elementary school pupils	3,956.00	
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*Tuition:*

Exeter High	7,805.60	
Portsmouth High	542.70	
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Exeter Junior High	4,918.30	



Portsmouth Junior High	434.30	
	<hr/>	5,352.60
<i>Special activities:</i>		
School Lunches		
Paid school lunch treasurer		
(Amount of checks rec'd		
from State)	505.74	
Hester A. Jewell, manager	593.62	
F. Naomi Beairsto, assistant	356.17	
	<hr/>	1,455.53
<i>Fixed charges:</i>		
Tax for State wide supervision	312.00	
Insurance on District property	357.00	
District's share of teachers'		
retirement	455.06	
Social Security taxes on other		
employees	35.07	
	<hr/>	1,159.13
<i>Construction:</i>		
Driveway		
Iafolla Construction Co.		375.00
<i>New Equipment:</i>		206.85
<i>Debt and interest:</i>		
Bonds retired	3,000.00	
Interest on debt	843.75	
	<hr/>	3,843.75
Total payments for all purposes		<hr/> \$38,285.50

Cash on hand June 30, 1953	2,193.64
Grand Total	<hr/> \$40,479.14

This is to certify that I have examined the books, bank statements and other financial records of the Treasurer of the Stratham School District, and find them correct in every detail, with a balance of Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-three dollars and Sixty-four cents.

August 10, 1953

PAULINE F. SCAMMON

Auditor

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Board of Stratham, New Hampshire:

I take pleasure in submitting my sixth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The school year 1953-1954 opened with the following personnel:

Miss Edna Crane, Principal and Teacher of Grades 5-6.

Mrs. Elizabeth Merrill, Teacher of Grades 3-4.

Mrs. Hilda Barker, Teacher of Grades 1-2.

Mrs. Eleanor Henry, Teacher of Music.

Miss Mary Shea, School Nurse.

This is the same staff of teachers which taught last year. Again I would like to emphasize the importance of having experienced and competent teachers in charge of the training of the boys and girls.

With the beginning of school, there were twenty-five pupils in the fifth grade and fourteen pupils in the sixth grade making a total of thirty-nine students in that classroom. In order to solve this enrollment problem it was decided to employ an additional teacher and to give her about two-thirds of the members of the fifth grade to teach. This would bring the classroom numbers down to reasonable size and it would also provide an opportunity for a great deal of individual work which several members of the fifth grade needed badly. I believe that the school district was fortunate to have Mrs. Bertha Wiggin accept the position as teacher of this new group. Her experience and training make her a valuable addition to the staff of the Memorial School.

It may be of interest to the citizens to know that the last session of the state legislature was more favorable

to the cause of better education than the previous session had been. One example of this was the increase in the amount of State Aid from \$600,000 to \$900,000 per year. State Aid for the Stratham School District was thus raised from \$2,634.67 in 1952-1953 to \$6,395.31 in 1953-1954 as a result.

Also in order to improve administrative services the legislature made it possible to increase the number of supervisory unions in the state from forty-eight to fifty. It is hoped that this will make it possible to limit the number of school districts in any given union to not more than seven. There are some supervisory unions at present with eight or nine school districts. This same law has further provided for an additional number of Assistant Superintendents in the larger cities and it also provides for about five Helping Teachers in the larger unions. The Helping Teacher so-called has become an Elementary Supervisor on a union-wide basis in some places. In the case of both the Assistant Superintendent and the Helping Teacher the state will pay twenty-five hundred dollars of the salary.

The Stratham School District has received \$2,831.90 in Federal Aid for the last school year 1952-1953 and application has been made for federal aid for this school year. This plus the additional State Aid should help materially to defray the increased costs of the school budget.

The response of the parents to the All-Risk Student Accident Insurance program would indicate that there is an interest in this type of insurance coverage. In this Supervisory Union with a total enrollment of fourteen hundred and ten, eleven hundred and eighty-eight availed themselves of the opportunity to take the insurance for this school year. This schooltime Accident Insurance Plan is offered at the nominal rate of only one dollar per student for the entire school year.

The purchase by the Parent-Teacher Association of a film strip projector has added greatly to the Audio-Visual equipment. This machine is an excellent classroom teaching device and, as more and better film strips are becoming available, it would seem desirable to start a film strip library which could be added to each year. The Association has also paid for a yearly membership to the Film Library at the University of New Hampshire. This makes it possible to show films, many of which are connected with the school work, about every two weeks for most of the year. By these two means, the boys and girls have the advantages of a good Audio-Visual program.

The painting of two classrooms this last summer has given the interior of the building two coats of paint except for the first and second grade classroom and the auxiliary rooms. The woodwork on the exterior of the building should also be painted again.

I call to your attention the reports of the school nurse and the music teacher and the tables which follow and I hope that these will be of interest to you.

I again wish to thank the citizens, the members of the School Board, and the teachers for their continued cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. HOYT,

Superintendent, Supervisory Union No. 16

Stratham, New Hampshire

January 19, 1954

## REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

The main objective of a music program in the schools is to present such a variety of experiences that each child may discover some phase of musical activity in which he may find enjoyment, not only as a child but as an adult.

To this end, during 1953, rhythms, music appreciation, listening, rhythm band, dramatization, singing, ear-training, dancing, reading music and part singing have all been included in the program. The third and fourth grades have purchased tonettes, and are very much interested in working with them. This instrument is excellent, not only as a means for learning to read music and for harmonizing, but also is often an incentive for the study of some other instrument later on.

In the fall a group of pupils had the privilege of attending, in Exeter, a concert by the United States Marine Band. This musical experience is one that we shall all remember for a long time.

A Christmas program was presented by the students, at the school, just before the Christmas vacation.

Plans are being made for an operetta, or some type of musical program, to be given at the Town Hall some time before school closes in June.

In closing, I wish to thank Mr. Hoyt, the members of the School Board, the teachers and the parents for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,  
ELEANOR HENRY,

Stratham, New Hampshire  
January 18, 1954



## STRATHAM SCHOOL HEALTH REPORT

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

The first half of a school year is usually given over to services in the school health program. This year, with the help of an illuminated eye chart, we were able to find more obscure eye defects in some of the children. We are happy to report that most of these conditions have now been corrected, either through the parents or with the help of the Eye Clinic sponsored by the Lion's Club.

This year, too, several children have been attending the Speech Clinic at the Portsmouth Rehabilitation Center. Many more have been screened for this Clinic and are awaiting an opening to attend speech classes.

There are two major gaps in our services to the children of Stratham. One is the need of a physician to conduct physical examinations. The State Department of Education recommends that each child receive a minimum of four comprehensive examinations during his school career, more if needed. The Stratham children do not have this service until they go to Junior High. I am sure that if an effort were made to fill this need it could be done, and inexpensively at that.

The second gap is in dental services. Numerous times during the year, the nurse has been asked by parents to help obtain for them dental appointments. The obtaining of individual appointments for children is a matter over which the nurse has no control. But she could help organize dental clinics. Many of the Stratham children need dental care badly and are not receiving it. Neither the obtaining of a school physician nor a dental clinic is insurmountable. We have a modern school in Stratham and excellent facilities, let's make fuller use of them for the health needs of the children.

Outside of stating our needs, I must report that the children on the whole have been remarkably healthy. We've had our usual quota of communicable diseases and colds. In spite of the fact that our sister school unions have had major epidemics, our illnesses have not reached this proportion.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY G. SHEA, R. N.

School Nurse

Stratham, New Hampshire

January 18, 1954

## SCHOOL CALENDAR — 1953 - 1954

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School Opens —	September 8 (Wednesday)		
School Closes —	Dec. 22 (Wed.)	73 days	16 weeks
School Opens —	Jan. 3 (Mon.)		
School Closes —	Feb. 18 (Fri.)	35 days	7 weeks
School Opens —	Feb. 28 (Mon.)		
School Closes —	April 22 (Fri.)	40 days	8 weeks
School Opens —	May 2 (Mon.)		
School Closes —	June 17 (Fri.)	34 days	7 weeks
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		182 days	38 weeks

### Holidays :

October 14 and 15 — State Teachers' Convention

November 11 — Armistice Day

November 25 and 26 — Thanksgiving Recess  
(Thursday and Friday)

May 30 — Memorial Day

School will be dismissed at noon on September 8,  
November 24, December 22 and Good Friday, April 8.

TABLE I  
STRATHAM SCHOOLS  
TOTAL ENROLLMENTS JANUARY 1, 1954

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tot.
Stratham Memorial	18	14	21	14	25	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	105
Robinson Seminary	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	7	3	6	5	34
Exeter High School	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	8	7	5	5	3	35
Portsmouth High School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	1	8
St. Michael	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Exeter Day School	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	19	14	21	14	25	13	13	17	15	10	14	9	184
1953 Comparisons	19	14	15	27	11	10	17	15	10	12	10	10	170

TABLE II  
STRATHAM SCHOOLS  
STATISTICS FOR TEN YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 1953

School Year	Weeks	Boys	Girls	Total Pupils	Ave. Attend.	Ave. Absence	Ave. Membership	Percent of Attend.	Cases	Tardiness	Visits of Supt.	Visits of Others	Ave. Salary
1943-44	38	47	42	89	69.34	5.41	74.75	93.00	11	57	74	1125.00	
1944-45	37	42	33	75	61.26	4.89	66.15	92.60	15	78	111	1200.00	
1945-46	37	44	38	82	70.02	4.19	74.21	94.35	33	82	108	1233.33	
1946-47	36	40	41	81	65.66	3.01	68.67	95.61	10	63	149	1366.66	
1947-48	37	41	41	82	69.52	3.30	72.82	95.46	23	69	33	1800.00	
1948-49	37	41	43	84	67.06	6.44	73.50	91.02	28	86	54	1870.00	
1949-50	38	42	38	80	67.6	5.3	72.9	92.86	28	76	126	2000.00	
1950-51	38	53	40	93	73.0	5.2	78.2	93.33	42	74	93	2250.00	
1951-52	38	54	43	97	75.6	8.67	83.73	93.24	31	68	94	2450.00	
1952-53	38	59	57	116	86.41	5.90	92.31	93.68	61	80	83	2450.00	

TABLE III  
STRATHAM SCHOOLS  
PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1952-1953

Neil Chapman	Paul Dietsch	Priscilla Grant
Fred Hutton, Jr.	Cheryl Merrill	Anne Tucker
David Tucker		Dorothy Young

# Property Valuation

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The following pages are the valuations of the real estate of the town of Stratham made by the Selectmen as of April 1, 1953.

Name	Acres	Value
Aldrich, Mary E.	14	\$2,300.00
Amsden, Ralph V. & Alice E.	88	12,000.00
Bacon, Susie	30	1,200.00
Barker, Nelson E. & Hilda G.	130	5,800.00
Barker, Chester H. & Vida P.	5½	3,700.00
Barker, Donald L. & Evelyn G.	1½	2,700.00
Barker, Florence D.	3½	3,100.00
Barker, C. Warren	¼	2,700.00
Barker, Earl L.		500.00
Barker, Willard	83	5,500.00
Beairsto, Alfred E.	30	4,200.00
Beairsto, John H. & Naoni	10	4,000.00
Berry, Robert S. & Etta H.	97	5,500.00
Berry, Robert S. & Marjorie	12	2,800.00
Berry, Thomas W. & Perscilla B.	½	2,000.00
Brant, Johncia M.	1	1,900.00
Breslin, James E. & Ruth M.	65	4,200.00
Brewster, Charles R.	30	500.00
Brewster, Charles R. & Marion T.	2¾	3,700.00
Brooks, Phillips	6	3,000.00
Brown, Charles R. & Marion Y.	10	2,500.00
Brown, George R. & Barbara L.	1¾	3,400.00
Bume, Rudolph	4½	100.00
Calef, Robert C. & Olive B.	2	3,100.00
Cammett, George W.	1	1,000.00
Carbonneau, Eugene W.	54	3,600.00
Carbonneau, Jennette		100.00

Carter, Marlboro	20	1,800.00
Caverno, Albert	12	2,100.00
Chapman, Gladys A. & L.		
Russell, Camp	5	700.00
Chapman, Gladys A. & L.		
Russell, Home		2,500.00
Chapman, Warren D. & Alice	17	1,700.00
Charbonneau, Charles	5	6,000.00
Chase, Charles H.	292	9,750.00
Chase, John E. & Jessie B.	3	2,500.00
Chase, Marshall S. & Bertha G.	91	4,500.00
Chase, Oliver B.	90	4,200.00
Chase, Harold S.		2,500.00
Chick, Fred C.	7	1,500.00
Chisholm, William Heirs of	180	5,300.00
Christie Realty Inc.	270	31,800.00
Clements, Gladys	5	2,500.00
Cole, John P. & Marion B.	6½	7,000.00
Cook, Alice Heirs of	27	2,700.00
Cook, Leslie A.	25	250.00
Cooper, Edward S.	32	1,200.00
Cote, Octave	1	2,000.00
Cottrell, Albert	48	2,800.00
Cushman, Arthur B.	2	3,000.00
Cushman, Harry	4	1,900.00
Crystal Spring Farms	122	11,000.00
DeCamp, Theodroe	2	2,600.00
Devine, Benjamin F. & Minnie Y.	2¼	2,500.00
Dietsch, Harold E.	1	2,500.00
Dixwell, Bazel & Barabara	85	5,300.00
Eldridge, Lester E.	12	3,000.00
Elmore, Robert L. & Dorothy	183	7,000.00
Emery, John Heirs of	23	3,900.00
Fanjoy, Russell & Germaine	16	1,800.00
Ferguson, Carl & Helen	6	3,200.00
Fischer, Gladys	3	1,900.00
Fisk, G. Frank	2	2,500.00



Foote, Leah B.	2	2,600.00
Foss, Laurence E. & Katherine	228	6,300.00
Fountian, Hawley	67	7,400.00
Fountian, Flora	34	500.00
French, John D. Heirs of	60	1,500.00
French, Stanley G.	78	6,300.00
Gassett, Mildred	121½	3,400.00
Gendron, Joseph	3	4,500.00
Gendron, George	71½	2,100.00
Godfrey, Irving Heirs of	1	1,100.00
Gifford, John R.	130	4,700.00
Goodrich & Parkman	68	4,750.00
Gowen Bros.	190	15,000.00
Granton, Eleanor D.	51	11,600.00
Happys' Garage		1,050.00
Hammond, John D. & Harriet J.	4	1,600.00
Hersey, Frederick L., Jr.	60	3,150.00
Hill, Leon R. & Mable	1	2,500.00
Houghton, Peter	30	4,700.00
Houghton, Milton & Helen	¾	2,500.00
Hoyt, Charles E. & Ardis W.	47	4,700.00
Humes, Walter A.	166	5,300.00
Hutton, John A., Jr.	72	6,800.00
Jewell, Arthur H.	7	1,760.00
Jewell, Charles E.	22	2,625.00
Jewell, Hattie & Sadie	44	4,000.00
Jewell, H. Roby	220	13,300.00
Jewell, George C.	66	4,400.00
Jewell, Mable		4,000.00
Kenneburg, Robert S.	5	2,500.00
Laine, Henry	6	1,600.00
La Branch, Rose Ann & Raymond	1	2,500.00
Laviolette, Arthur J. & Ida	15	2,900.00
Laviolette, Edward	25	3,000.00
Libby, William J. & Jean	8	1,700.00
Lefavour, George H. & Richard	6	1,400.00
Lowther, Dorothy		3,150.00

Marsh, Abner R.	40	3,700.00
Marston, Wallace V.	7	1,800.00
Marston, Norman	114	5,300.00
Mason, Everett	1	2,500.00
Moore, F. Laurence & Lois S.	103	8,500.00
Merrial, Leroy B.	$\frac{1}{2}$	2,500.00
MacKenzie, Alexander	3	3,000.00
MacNeill, Harold A. & Laurel J.	50	3,700.00
McLane, William T.	28	3,000.00
McNally, Everett	1	2,000.00
Nichols, Irving T.	6	1,300.00
O'Brien, James E.	$\frac{1}{2}$	1,800.00
O'Brien, Daniel & Leah	$5\frac{3}{4}$	2,700.00
O'Hear, Hugh J.	5	3,000.00
O'Dell, Lillian Heirs of	7	3,800.00
O'Dell, Lillian Heirs of, woodlot		15.00
Pace, Faith E. & Ralph	$1\frac{1}{8}$	3,200.00
Pantelakos, James	58	4,400.00
Parker, Charles A.	5	2,900.00
Parkman, Ralph & Ruth	$1\frac{3}{4}$	3,000.00
Peabody, Charles & Kathryn	6	2,600.00
Piper, Harold W.	$64\frac{1}{2}$	13,300.00
Piper, Mildred T.	2	3,700.00
Puffer, Stanwood A.	14	3,200.00
Puffer, Carlyn	$21\frac{1}{2}$	150.00
Pease, Walter & Elaine D.	84	5,800.00
Payn, Robert & Marjorie	$2\frac{1}{4}$	2,000.00
Rawson, Florence	1	2,000.00
Rawson, Verne, Jr.	$1\frac{1}{2}$	2,500.00
Remick, Fred	13	3,000.00
Roby, James T.	24	3,360.00
Rogalski, Elsa	103	3,100.00
Rogers, Henry J.	39	3,500.00
Runnells, Morrill P.	10	3,850.00
Saltonstall, Henry	96	14,000.00
Sanderson, Rodney	$84\frac{1}{2}$	4,200.00
Salter, John	$17\frac{1}{2}$	3,200.00

Scamman, Charles J.	1	1,500.00
Scamman, W. Douglas	204	9,200.00
Scamman, Walter A.	65	4,200.00
Scamman, Walter & Richard	200	2,600.00
Scamman, Richard G.	1½	2,600.00
Scamman, Irving H.	2	1,600.00
Scammon, Leslie C.	65	3,300.00
Scammon, R. M. Heirs of	228	7,900.00
Schoch, John & Evelyn	24	3,700.00
Scighano, Joseph & Frances	65	4,200.00
Sewall, Dougald	196	8,500.00
Sherbuck, Michiel	40	7,000.00
Silver, Edward S.	8	1,600.00
Stevens, Albert H.	23	2,100.00
Smith, Florence	42	2,400.00
Snell, James Heirs of	¼	900.00
Skinner, Louise	19	1,800.00
Stockbridge, Carl D.	6	2,500.00
Stratham Manor Inc.	2	6,500.00
Stratham Hardware & Lumber Co.		7,000.00
Sturgis, Allen	100	10,000.00
Schuman, Arthur	5	5,000.00
Tebo, Eli J.	8	2,600.00
Tuck, Frank W. & Mary R.	2	12,300.00
Tucker, Raymond & Anna	4	3,700.00
Tewksbury, Lee B.	14½	5,200.00
Twardus, John	1	2,500.00
Wells, Melvin A.	2	800.00
Wells, Perley J.	13	1,300.00
Wentworth, Folger	3	3,500.00
Wentworth, Forrest P.	18	2,625.00
Wentworth, Rose E.	5½	1,800.00
Whitten, Guy	10	2,400.00
Whittaker, Arnold	238	14,700.00
Whittaker, Jean	11	6,300.00
Wiggin, Dana L.	5	2,700.00
Wiggin, Earl L.	163	6,300.00

Wiggin, Elmer R.	4	3,700.00
Wiggin, Ernest T.	109	6,000.00
Wiggin, Ernest T., Jr. & Betty	1½	1,600.00
Wiggin, George Heirs of	10	2,500.00
Wiggin, Robert T.	131	6,250.00
Wiggin, Edwin A.	10	2,000.00
Wiggin, Clarence	1½	1,500.00
Witham, Fred	1	200.00
Wolfe, Eunice L. & Dunbar Bertha	3	700.00

#### NON-RESIDENTS

Allen, Forrest L. & Hilda M.	2/3	100.00
Batchelder, Richard A.	25	500.00
Batchelder, Edwin	7	70.00
Barton, Charles	8	80.00
Booker, Lara A.	62	600.00
Borg, Ester L.	103	6,000.00
Bradley, Norman T. & Marjorie T.	74	5,000.00
Carpenter, Jessie Heirs of	10	50.00
Chevalier, J. E. Heirs of	5	25.00
Corneluis, Ethel B.	16	100.00
Cardozo, Manuel S. & Joan P.	7	500.00
Chaffin, William	1	3,100.00
Davenport, Helen V.	5	3,000.00
Dondero, Charolette C.	11	4,000.00
Dagostino, Mary	11½	1,200.00
Dow, Josephine	65	1,200.00
Durgin, George H.	21	300.00
Dunton, Ida	1	100.00
Dierdoff, Irving E., Jr.	24	1,800.00
Dalla, Mura Bart	1½	100.00
Dalton, Millard E.	3	50.00
Exeter & Hampton Elec. Co.		25,000.00
Exeter Water Works	5	4,000.00
Elingwood, Auslin P.	59	400.00
Evans, Charles & Roger	44	600.00

Fitzgerald, Jermiah	1	50.00
Flanders, Leroy K. & Bernadie	3	30.00
Flanders, Fred L.	5	1,400.00
Halverstraw, Charles Heirs of	2	50.00
Halvorsen, Alberta	1	50.00
Hatch, Rosalie	40	1,000.00
Hatch, Harris Heirs of	2	200.00
Haley, Harold E.	5	100.00
Haley, Joseph G., Jr.	6	50.00
Hendry, Clinton E. & Hazel G.	18	600.00
Hunt, Mary E. & Wilbur Frank B.	84	1,000.00
Hatchell, Katherine	30	1,300.00
Hunewell, Elizabeth Heirs of		1,500.00
Harris, John C. & Ruth C.	31½	2,700.00
Jewell, Ralph L.	2½	25.00
Jerald, Allen B. & Ethel	10	200.00
Jewell, Elizabeth	½	2,800.00
Kenney, Harry H. & Alice K.	53	2,000.00
Kimball, Pauline S.	3	500.00
Kiwanis Club	7	500.00
Klesaris, Charles & Mildred		500.00
Lang, Ida Heirs of	25	200.00
Leavett, Irene Heirs of	11	100.00
Locke, Albert E. Heirs of	4	50.00
Moody, Sherman Heirs of	13	65.00
More, Frank E.	12	60.00
McAllister, James F.	22	500.00
Michaelis, Marion W. —	4	500.00
N. H. Electric Co.		17,652.00
O'dell, James Heirs of ¼ Int.	5½	15.00
Otis, Herbert H.	13	100.00
Pace, Barbara	8	50.00
Page, Ola M. Heirs of	22	200.00
Pace, Earl L.	1	100.00
Pescie, Emilo F.	27	3,000.00
Pettingell, George H.	165	6,200.00
Public Service Co. of N. H.		81,662.00

Richerson, William B.	40	4,000.00
Rollins, Carrie	34	300.00
Rollins, Nellie	65	650.00
Roberson, Sheldon A. & Eva	7	35.00
Roberts, Eugene	5	150.00
Raeder, Mildred	175	9,000.00
Seavey, Ralph	70	1,000.00
Smart, John Heirs of $\frac{1}{4}$ Int.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	15.00
Smart, Joseph Heirs of $\frac{1}{4}$ Int.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	15.00
Stickney, Emma Heirs of	20	500.00
Summerfield, Molly	6	60.00
Summerfield, Molly (Rollins place)	217	7,200.00
Sharp, Regernal & Charolette	6	3,200.00
Simms, William E.	185	9,500.00
Stapleford, Harold N.	5	5,500.00
Spinney, Clayton S. & Barbara G.	9	50.00
Severance, Selina Heirs of	58	3,200.00
Severance, Fred W.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	50.00
Tuttle, Charles R. & Alice N.		200.00
Tanner, Marion Heirs of	3	1,900.00
Winkler, Stephen	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	200.00
Wells, Walter C. & Hazel B.	76	1,000.00
Williams, S. W.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,100.00
Wiggin, Earl L., Jr.	6	250.00
Yoe, Robert	6	2,000.00



# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 2	Portsmouth	Daniel W. Caswell	Kenneth Caswell	Theresa Kelley	New Hampshire	Maine
Jan. 3	Exeter	No Name Bacon	Theodore Bacon	Frances Perkins	New Hampshire	New Hampshire
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Mar. 15	Portsmouth	Jacqueline S. Fortin	Gerard Fortin	Jacqueline Chereau	New Hampshire	France
Mar. 15	Exeter	Kim. O. Laviolette	Edward Laviolette	M'rg'rite Courtney	Mass.	Mass.
May 12	Exeter	Russell B. Stevens	Albert H. Stevens	Helen Sewall	New Hampshire	New Hampshire
May 23	Exeter	John R. Daley	John Daley, Sr.	Nancy Rogers	Mass.	New Hampshire
July 18	Exeter	Baby Girl Hagen	George R. Hagen	Mary R. Baum	New York	New York
Aug. 17	Exeter	Beverly E. Witham	Fred L. Witham	Lelia Evans	New Hampshire	New Hampshire
Aug. 19	Exeter	Joyce M. Hutton	John Hutton, Jr.	Charlotte York	Canada	Maine
Aug. 25	Exeter	Bruce D. Salter	John Salter, III	Ann K. Maher	New Jersey	Colorado
Aug. 25	Exeter	John Salter, IV	John Salter, III	Ann K. Maher	New Jersey	Colorado
Aug. 26	Exeter	Deborah L. Wiggin	Robert T. Wiggin	B'th' Christoffers'n	New Hampshire	Mass.
Sept. 5	Exeter	James R. Creed	William Creed	Fl'r'nc' McG'll'v'ry	Mass.	Mass.
Sept. 16	Exeter	Craig A. Goodwin	Carl J. Goodwin	Virginia Moore	Mass.	Maine
Oct. 12	Exeter	Karen Michaelson	Einar Michaelson	Margaret Otten	New York	New York
Dec. 17	Exeter	Cynthia Wentworth	Forest Wentworth	Marcia Chesley	New Hampshire	New Hampshire
Dec. 22	Portsmouth	Janice Bacon	Theodore Bacon	Frances Perkins	New Hampshire	New Hampshire

## OMMITTED FROM THE TOWN REPORT IN 1952

Aug. 26	Exeter	Gary Townsend	Andrew Townsend	Elizabeth Rock	Mass.	New Hampshire
Sept. 23	Exeter	Susan M. Calef	Robert G. Calef	Olive B. Moore	Mass.	New Hampshire

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Date	Name and Surname of Deceased	Years	Months	Days	Place of Birth	Sin., Mar. or Wid.	Name of Father	Name of Mother
1953								
Jan. 3	Baby Girl Bacon		13	hrs.	Exeter, N. H.	F	Theodore Bacon	Frances Perkins
Jan. 3	Baby Boy Bacon		13	hrs.	Exeter, N. H.	M	Theodore Bacon	Frances Perkins
Jan. 8	Fannie Smith	77			Stratham, N. H.	F	Albert P. Smith	Elizabeth Shedd
Jan. 12	Everett E. Chick	78			Maine	M	Andrew Chick	Susan Hammett
Jan. 27	Clara A. Macomber	83			Mass.	F	Daniel Higgins	Marilla Higgins
Feb. 15	Daniel F. Caswell		1	13	New Hampshire	F	Kenneth A. Caswell	Theresa Kelley
Mar. 15	Fred L. Jewell	86			New Hampshire	F	William H. Jewell	Hanna Ladd
Apr. 6	Peter L. Pantelakos	71			Greece	M	Charles Pantelakos	— Kovola
Apr. 15	Marie A. Thompson	76			New Hampshire	F	Charles Thompson	— Maria Hall
Apr. 20	Eva E. Cooper	82			New Hampshire	F	Phineas Hoyt	— Allen
May 27	James W. Keaveney	20			Pennsylvania	M	Patrick Keaveney	Marian Reynolds
July 15	Marian H. Jenney	85			Mass.	F	Charles Stearns	Anna Mellen
Oct. 21	Betty J. Wiggins	24			New Hampshire	F	Maurice Cottrell	Ruby Bennett
Oct. 27	Hawley E. Fountain	52			Canada	M	Archie O. Fountain	Neva Weatherby
Dec. 12	Willard Barker	84			New Hampshire	M	Levi Barker	Hannah Jewell

BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL

Aug. 18	Avis Lane Luippold	49			Hampton, N. H.			
Nov. 27	Mary Elvina Lane	100			Greenland, N. H.			
Dec. 5	Linda Denise Bennett	1			Amesbury, Mass.			
Dec. 24	Adelaide Syphers	81			Newfields, N. H.			

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Date	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age in Year	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
Apr. 18	Gordon R. Harris Sylvia L. Ferguson	21 21	New Hampshire Massachusetts	William F. Harris Malilda Sjoberg Carl S. Ferguson Helen A. Noyce	Rev. Charles Chrisman State of New York
May 29	Angelo Racioppi Jessie C. McIsaac	31 33	New York Cape Britain	John Racioppi Rose Givono John McIsaac Nora Lamrock	Marion T. Brewster, JP Stratham, N. H.
June 27	Edward J. Richard Phyllis R. Bennett	21 20	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Ralph A. Richard Genevieve Gaudet Roland A. Bennett Mildred F. Chambers	Rev. Charles T. Boland Exeter, N. H.
June 28	Alfred E. Bearsto Mattie D. Atherton	62 52	Canada New Hampshire	Samuel Bearsto Mattie MacDougall Edwin Atherton Sadie Roberts	Rueben P. Lang, JP Sanbornville, N. H.
June 29	Stanley Grochmal June Nolan	41 27	New Hampshire Oklahoma	Frank Grochmal Rose Godomski George W. Vittom Ethel Strong	Rev. Maurice E. Levy Concord, N. H.
Aug. 14	James I. Scamman Josephine E. Wiggin	20 18	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Irving Scamman Marguerite Dickson Ernest T. Wiggin Eleanor W. Fisk	Rev. Charles A. Parker Stratham, N. H.

Oct. 10	Robert E. Bowley Frances M. McGlue	32 27	Massachusetts Massachusetts	Clifton W. Bowley Mary M. Bryan Arthur F. McGlue Mary H. White William Law Julia Pasco Oliver B. Chase Natalie McIntyre James F. Morrison Alexandria Dick Charles Dixwell Dorothy Ashley Olin Wyman Elsie Beebe Thomas J. Conlin Ann Rogers Louis B. Janvrin Marian F. Merrill George W. H. Thompson Frances E. Parshley	Marion T. Brewster, JP Stratham, N. H.
Nov. 1	Paul E. Law Georgiana M. Chase	21 18	New Hampshire New Hampshire		Rev. Edwin H. Shuman Exeter, N. H.
Nov. 21	Leonard L. Morrison Eleanor D. Walker	43 30	Scotland Massachusetts		Margaret Bjorkland, JP East Hartford, Conn.
Nov. 21	John H. Wyman Janet L. Colin	20 21	Michigan New Hampshire		Rev. Charles J. Boland Exeter, N. H.
Dec. 31	Donald A. Janvrin Jeanette T. Carbonneau	29 25	New Hampshire Massachusetts		Rev. Charles A. Parker Stratham, N. H.









